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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS COMMENT AT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICA-
TION AGENCY'S INCEPTION

1. FORMAL ESTABLISHING OF ICA HAS ELICITED SHORT TASS
COMMENT. ON 4/1, IN BY-LINED ARTICLE FROM WASHINGTON, YEV-
GENY YEGOROV WROTE ANOTHER IN WHAT HAS BECOME OVER THE
PAST THREE MONTHS A SERIES OF PIECES BY VARIOUS SOVIET
COMMENTATORS ON THE NEW "US PROPAGANDA MACHINE". AND ON
4/2, TASS REPORTED ON AN ARTICLE IN "SEL'SKAYA ZHIZN'"
CONCERNING THE DEMISE OF THE "NOTORIOUS USIA". (ASSUME
ADDRESSEES HAVE FULL TEXTS OF BOTH ITEMS).

2. SOVIET COMMENTATORS CONTINUE TO VIEW THE ICA-FROM-USIA
TRANSFORMATION AS AN INTENSIFICATION OF THE ANTI-SOVIET
PROPAGANDA WAR. FOR EXAMPLE, YEGOROV WRITES..."THE ESTAB-
LISHMENT OF THIS AGENCY IS NOT JUST A NEW BUREAUCRATIC
REORGANIZATION BUT A MEASURE WHICH HAS GREAT POLITICAL
IMPLICATIONS. ITS AIM IS TO CREATE A POWERFUL STATE APPA-
RATUS WHICH WILL DIRECT ALL US PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES
ABROAD." BESIDES ITS COORDINATION OF EXCHANGES AND THE
LIKE, THE ICA'S MAIN TASK..."IS PROPAGANDA OF US FOREIGN
POLICY, OF THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE AND STRUGGLE AGAINST
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ALL PROGRESSIVE IDEAS UNSUITABLE TO WASHINGTON."

3. YEGOROV, LIKE OTHER SOVIET COMMENTATORS RECENTLY,
ATTEMPTS TO LINK RL AND RFE WITH VOA. WHILE ADMITTING THE
TWO "ESPIONAGE-SUBVERSION RADIO STATIONS DO NOT BELONG TO
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION AGENCY", YEGOROV MAINTAINS
THAT "THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE TOUCHED BY THE PRESENT

CENTRALIZATION OF THE ENTIRE U.S. EXTERNAL PROPAGANDA
MACHINE." TOON

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